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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Ross J. Hamel**

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Examiner: **Jonathan S. Werner**

For: **RETRACTOR WITH INTERCHANGEABLE RETRACTOR BLADES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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In response to the Official Action dated **07/27/2007**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page                      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.